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SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION

1. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AL-KHALIL TOLD DCM EVENING JULY 22 THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO LEBANON OY THE END OF THE MONTH. HIS PURPOSE WILL BE TO RALLY KHALIL FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS IN SOUTH LEBANON TO "KEEP IT OUT OF THE HANDS OF EITHER THE ISRAELIS OR THE PALESTINIANS." KHALIL SAID THAT SIX MONTHS AGO SOUTH LEBANESE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD PALESTINIANS AND REGARDED THEM AS "ARAB ARMY." THIS NO LONGER THE CASE AND SOUTH LEBANESE HAVE TURNED AGAINST PALESTINIANS BUT NEED RALLYING POINT WHICH KHALIL HOPES TO PROVIDE. HE SAID HIS BROTHER IS PRESENTLY IN DAMASCUS TESTING THE AIR FOR POSSIBLE SYRIAN INTERVENTION AND/OR OBJECTION.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AND BEIRUT AWARE KHALIL FAMILY IS INDEED INFLUENTIAL IN THE SOUTH. WHETHER INFLUENCE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE KHALIL'S PLAN FEASIBLE WE DO NOT KNOW BUT WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION HE IS DEAD SERIOUS ABOUT MAKING AN ATTEMPT.

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